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On 20 April 1951, it was learned that the artillery range north of Hillersleben (M 53/Y 51), which had been dismantled by the Soviets, was being reconstructed under the supervision of Soviet officers. Concrete blocks, on which the artillery pieces were to be mounted (sic), were constructed in three large cinder-block buildings, the northern walls of which opened toward the impact area. There was firing from one of the three buildings, reportedly with 75 mm AT guns which Soviet engineers were adjusting. The emplacements were off-limits and guarded by Soviet sentries. The firing lane extended northward from the building and was about 15 km long and 1.7 km wide. along the range as far as the former village of Salchau, concrete embankments had been built across the firing lane every 500 meters. Concrete towers, apparently observation posts, were built on the sides of the embankments.

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